

## Items of Interest.

—Since the outbreaking of cholera in Japan there have been 25,000 cases and 16,000 deaths.

—The material annually consumed in Great Britain in the production of alcoholic and malt liquors would feed 3,000,000 people.

—One of the largest lumber deals ever made in Minnesota, was closed at Duluth by the sale of 75,000,000 feet of pine near Ely, Minn., to the Knox Lumber Company, consideration \$180,000.

—There are, at present, as nearly as can be approximated, 312,000 typewriting machines in operation all over the world, of which number about seven-eighths, or 275,000, are used in the United States. It is estimated by a prominent Chicago firm that 17,000 are in constant use in that city.

—Cambridge, Mass., has been eight years without a saloon. Its population is over 80,000. The secret bars have been rooted out and it has long been difficult to procure intoxicating liquor in the city. During this time the valuation of the city increased from \$59,703,000 to \$76,282,000, and the same rate of taxation produces \$130,000 more than formerly. The 122 buildings formerly occupied as saloons have been turned into stores and dwellings.

—Some time ago there was presented to the School Board of Kansas City a numerous signed petition, asking that body to appoint only Protestants as teachers in the public schools. The petition was denied and the President of the Board replied as follows:—

"In our judgment the public schools must be kept non-partisan and non-sectarian. The moment you cut loose from these two cardinal points, that moment you have entered the wedge that will ultimately destroy the good mission of the common schools. We are opposed to class legislation in our schools as we believe it to be un-American." A rejoinder was made to this statement by five ladies who had circulated the petition. After saying that they had not asked that the teachers should belong to any particular religious body, and that therefore there was nothing of sectarianism in their request, these ladies said: "Permit us to direct your attention to another unquestionable and most weighty fact, namely, that all Roman Catholic teachers belong to a religious establishment, the hierarchy or priesthood of which, from its papal head in Rome down through all its orders

to the lowest priestly grade, is the determined and uncompromising enemy of our public school system. Representative men of every rank and position in the Roman Catholic Church have opposed, condemned and denounced that system in the terms of an immeasurable hate. To be consistent with the fundamental principles of their system they cannot feel and act otherwise than in that style in reference to our public schools." The above states the case concisely and forcibly. If the Roman Catholics may teach in the public schools, there is nothing wrong in an Atheist preaching the Gospel or a wolf being put in charge of a flock of sheep.

### THE HOUSE FLY.

Yes, no doubt, you are often pestered by these insects. Did you ever try to find out some of the curious things about the flies? The study of what we see around us is one of the best ways of becoming educated.

The female fly lays seventy or eighty eggs at once, and repeats the process four times during her short lifetime. These eggs are deposited on any moist, decaying matter, and in a few days the larvæ, or maggots, emerge from the eggs. The fly feeds itself by means of a fleshy tube or proboscis. It takes only liquid food, or such as it can moisten with its saliva—as sugar.

The eyes of a fly are wonderful instruments. They are made up of four thousand and small telescopic eyes. When in flight, the fly's wings make six hundred strokes in a second, carrying it forward about five feet; but when alarmed, this distance may be increased to thirty feet.

The foot of a fly is a curious structure. It adheres to smooth surfaces, such as glass, by means of a sticky fluid, which exudes from the pads under the claws, and by the little suckers which fringe them. There are about one thousand two hundred of these suckers on each pad. The suckers hold the foot firmly, but the fly can let go very quickly, as you will learn if you try to catch it.

God has made all things perfect. He never slights His work. Let us admire His wisdom. Let us do our work well, for God sees it all.

THE religion of Christ is a living verity at once spiritual and rational, intensely human because essentially divine, broad and deep as man's life, the contemporary of every age, the pioneer of thought, the regenerator of labor, the inspirer of hope and progress. Such a religion can only operate effectively where life throbs vigorously. It cannot thrive amid shadows. —Rev. Chas. A. Berry.

## Our Dead.

TEETER.—Susie Teeter was born July 14, 1895, died Sept. 4, 1895. Aged one month and twenty days.

This darling child so bright and fair  
To them was scarcely given.  
She only budded on the earth  
To blossom in the heaven.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

BURNS.—In the Burnes Chapel congregation, Fulton Co., Ind., Omer Estel, infant son of Brother and Sister Burnes, born Dec. 22, 1894, died Sept. 13, 1895. Aged 8 months and 22 days. Suffer little children to come unto me, etc. Funeral by the undersigned, Sept. 15, 1895.

D. A. HOPKINS.

RENCH.—Ida J. Rensch, wife of Rev. G. W. Rensch, was born April 15, 1867, died Sept. 14, 1895. Aged 28 years, 4 months and 29 days. The highest type of Christian assurance was the benediction of her life. She died in the triumph of a Saviour's love. She leaves a husband, two little boys, mother and two brothers to mourn their loss. She will be missed greatly in the sphere in which she moved.

WM. W. SUMMERS.

TAWNEY.—Sister Mary Harsh was born Oct. 17, 1821, in Wayne county, O., was married to George Tawney, Nov. 26, 1846. To this union there were born seven children, three sons and four daughters, six of whom are still living and present at the funeral. She united with the church in 1860 and has lived a consistent Christian since. She was a woman of unusual intellectual power, was a deep reasoner and a good spiritual advisor. She was a true wife and a loving mother. She departed this life Sept. 15, 1895, aged 73 years, 11 months and 11 days. Thus the husband has lost a true companion, the family a loving mother, the church a consistent and earnest member, the community an excellent neighbor. Funeral services by the writer and the pastor, Brother McWhite, to a large congregation.

ISAAC ROSS.

## Matrimonial.

SMITH—HELLER.—At the home of the writer. Tuesday evening Sept. 10. Mr. Philip Smith to Tena, daughter of Brother and Sister Heller of Dunlaps. The couple were two of our best young people, and Tena one of our King's Children workers. May God's blessings ever rest upon them.

A. R. BEMENDERFER.